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POETRY

OPPORTUNITY.

"I can't afford to go," the young man said,
"Unthinkable—to lose a whole long year.
Let some less useful person go instead,
My life's just starting and I'm needed here."

Afford to go? Can you afford to stay,
When this Democracy that gave you birth
Is offering its untried youth today
An opportunity to prove their worth?

To prove their right to live and, should it lie
Within the hiding mists of days ahead,
To prove their right, if called upon, to die
That life in freedom may not die instead.

You're not the first who's had to choose, you know,
Between stern duty and the easy way.
Now once again as often long ago
Our country needs her finest boys today.

Again our land is threatened by a foe,
And, should it be your name that's drawn this day,
Regard it as a privilege to go,
Accept the summons proudly and obey.

For freedom such as we enjoy was won
By boys like you to whom a summons came.
Our country asks you now to prove, my son,
That you are not unworthy of their name.

—Albert Earl Robinson,
in "Kansas City Times."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Live
In pulses stirred to generosity;
In deeds of daring, rectitude; in scorn
For miserable aims that end in self.

—George Eliot.

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"Home Missionaries"

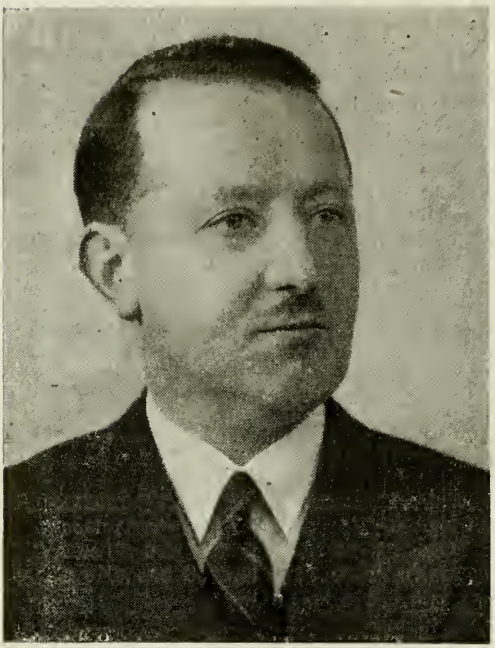
'Twas Conference and the President had an important announcement to make—
A hush fell o'er the Assembly, and solemnly he spake,
"Many of your brethren, who are anxious to serve the Lord,
"Are banded as Home Missionaries to preach the Gospel Word.
"By tracting and by visiting, their leisure hours employ,
"And by studying gain knowledge, which no evil can destroy.
"Everyone may be enrolled if righteously he lives
"And loves his fellow brethren and willingly forgives,
"So prayerfully and earnestly consider, one and all,
"If you too, are ready, to answer to the Call."

As I decided to consent, a voice inside me said,
"You have no time to spare for this—Let someone else instead."
But higher still I held my hand, for God would be my guide;
I thank Him that He gave me strength to cast the doubt aside:
I pray that He will help me through my missionary days
To spread the Gospel Message and sing His songs of praise,
And may I ply each humble task with all my heart and soul
And through a life of service reach an Everlasting Goal.

—SISTER MARJORIE H. CUTHBERTSON,
Sunderland Branch, Newcastle District.

Working With The British Missionaries

By President A. K. Anastasiou



President A. K. Anastasiou

DURING the past two years and three months it has been my privilege to labour again as a Missionary among Missionaries drawn from homes of our British Saints. Looking over the time spent in the midst of the Saints, the Priesthood and the Missionaries in the Districts and Branches of our Mission, many happy experiences come back to my mind. Of course, the going has not been easy. In the present circumstances one must expect difficulties, obstacles, and sometimes almost a blank wall. Yet it is a source of happy and faith promoting contemplation for me to look back and see how we have succeeded in spite of all that we have had to face during that time.

By the 12th January, 1940, the last three Missionaries, including President Hugh B. Brown, left the shores of this country. For the first time in the history of the Church the British Mission was without the Missionaries from Zion, who had been coming and going, year in and year out, since 1837. It was strange to think that the 72 Branches of the Church in Wales, Scotland, Ireland and England, built up and developed by the untiring efforts and sacrifice of our American Missionaries, were now left to the fate and circumstances of the local Saints. They felt depressed, unhappy, full of uncertainty and even foreboding. No longer could we call upon our Missionaries to come here and go there; to organise this, that and the other Branch meeting, Sunday School, M.I.A., etc.; to visit the sick, to heal and comfort, to baptise new converts, and be the staff and protection of those who depended so much upon them. The Church and the Saints were left to stand on their own feet, so to speak, and to depend upon each other and carry on as best they could. A number of our members felt that they were being deserted, especially in a time like this, when the strongest in the faith were expected to stay and look after them. Some even stopped coming to meetings. Little these

members knew that every Missionary sent here from Zion, at a tremendous personal sacrifice, was willing to stand by the Saints and stay on, whatever happened. Reluctantly each one packed his bag and took his return ticket and bade farewell to those whom he learned to love, to respect, and share the spirit of this beautiful Gospel. Many of them shed tears on leaving the shores of this land. I know that everyone of these fine young men pleaded with their Mission President to be somehow allowed to stay. It was not a case of sending them home because they were afraid of the consequences of war. They had to go in compliance with the orders of both Governments. Always subject to "obey, honour and sustain the law" of the country wherein they labour or reside, these Missionaries went with broken hearts and much sorrow, and even fear as to what would happen to those whom they had to leave behind.

The picture of the situation in the Mission Office itself was depressing in the extreme. Every room, every desk and typewriter was deserted. Books, files and records were hurriedly put away. There was no one to greet those who came to take care of the fortunes of the British Mission. Slowly but surely with faith, prayer and hard work, we set about to carry on and "hold the fort." Space does not permit to say even the very small part of all the wonderful experiences that have come our way since those early days of the British Mission left in the hands of the local people.

A call to the Saints of the British Mission to fill the ranks of Missionaries who had departed, was sent out. The response was wonderful. It is now a matter of history. Sixty-four fine young men and women left their jobs and homes and reported at the Mission Headquarters ready to do their bit. Just like the Saints in Zion, the mothers and fathers, most of them in very humble circumstances, scraped every penny, denied themselves, in most cases, the very essentials of life, to enable their sons and daughters to serve the Church. Some mothers took up work of National importance to keep their sons and daughters on Mission.

For a time, early in 1940, the situation was almost desperate. The idea of British Saints sending their sons and daughters on Missions was a new experience, a new call to which they had not been used and for which they had not prepared. For a hundred years Missionaries from Zion have been at our beck and call. Now the situation was changed. More than that, even our own men, ordained and working in the ministry, were being called up to serve their Country. Some of them willingly and readily enlisted as they were called up. And here we had to realise that sooner of later we should have none left to take care of our Branches and Districts.

I went to the Ministry of Labour and National Service to put our Cause and our case before them. I received very sympathetic and very kind attention. I shall always remember my first interview with the officials of the Ministry, especially the senior official who courteously but firmly said to me: "We need every man and woman to serve the Country." I agreed.

"We as a Church are alive to the situation. Most of our men have gone; those who remain shall go when called, but the King of Kings needs a few men to do His will and take care of His Church." The conversation continued. Finally he said: "I agree with your point of view. How many men do you need to carry on the work of your Church?" I gave him the number needed to sustain the Districts and the Branches of our Mission, and it was communicated to me later that our Elders, engaged in the Ministry of the Church, ordained in the Higher Priesthood, are recognised Ministers of Religion, or Men in Holy Orders, and entitled to exemption in accordance with the laws and provisions of the Acts of Parliament. Deacons, teachers and priests could not be considered, and every one of them today is doing his part in the service of the Country.

Even some of those who had this privilege, as Ministers of Religion, volunteered to join up, which shows the fine spirit of sacrifice, love and patriotism of the Latter-day Saints.

Every District of the British Mission has responded to our call for full time missionaries. The British Saints have rallied around the Mission Presidency in a magnificent way. At every annual District Conference in 1940 and 1941, an appeal was made for full time Missionaries. Two Scottish Sisters at the Conference in Glasgow, after the meeting, came to me and said: "President, we are willing to go on Mission, but we have no means of our own." These two Sisters were promised that the Lord would open the way and that they should be in the Mission Field before long. Almost in the face of insurmountable difficulties and despair, these two fine Sisters came into the Mission Field. From sources, most unexpected, we received means to support these faithful Sisters, whose Missions shall always remain a pleasant memory and an inspiration. One of them found a life companion at the end of her Mission and today is happily married. From Ireland came three fine Sisters, and here again a promise was fulfilled that the way should be opened before them to find means of support. The Dublin Saints, always faithful, willing to answer the call of the Church Authorities, readily saw to it that the young people from the Irish Branches should not be denied the opportunity to serve the Church. Three of them have fulfifilled full time Missions. From every District without exception came our young Saints in the footsteps of our American brethren.

"My wife and I are indeed honoured that you should see fit to call us into the Mission Field. It is with humility and gratitude that we accept the call," wrote a doctor and his wife.

"Many thanks for your kind letter. I hope to be at the Mission Office on Monday after Christmas. I feel very humble in this calling, but I will try to do my best at all times and be worthy of my membership in the Church. My mother and sisters are going to try and keep me on my Mission, and I would rather have it that way if they can manage to do it."—A humble Missionary from Nottingham District.

"I will be very glad to fulfil a Mission. It has been my ambition since I joined the Church, but all that I possess is £10, so I am not able to support myself, but I know that the Saints are good and the Lord is powerful."—A humble Sister who heard the Gospel in Switzerland.

A promise was given to her whereby her Mission would be

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"Prepare Thyself For The Ministry"

By Sister Ethel Bailey, Jr.

AS a child I had a secret desire to fulfil a Mission, abroad for preference, for the idea of a Mission in my own land did not appeal to me or offer much experience. As I grew up that desire also grew, and I decided that, now that I was earning my own living, I would save and prepare for that ambition—my Mission.

The war came, bringing with it disorder and sadness. The ambassadors of the Lord, our Missionaries from Zion, were suddenly called home. I then realized that my childhood desire was no longer foremost in my mind, for I thought that now my own Branch would need my help, and so it was up to me to do my best. For a while I was content with that idea and happy in the knowledge that, even though war was on earth, I could still worship my God.

In November, 1940, the call came for me to go on a short-term Mission. My father gave me the news on a Wednesday evening just after finishing work. He pointed out to me the sacredness of such a calling and expressed his desire that I should answer the call. Immediately my mind was at work and thoughts of all kinds flashed through it. How would my mother carry on without my help; my work in the Church, who would do that that? And then, of course, I was working in a Government controlled factory, and would not be granted leave. No, I decided that I could accept the call later on, so that same night I expressed my feelings to my parents. They did not argue or force me into any decision, but told me to make it a matter of prayer.

That night before getting into bed I took out my Patriarchal Blessing, and carefully read it through. One paragraph struck me very forcibly, and I read and re-read it. "Prepare thyself for the Ministry, for the Lord has need of handmaidens with thy ability to help spread the Gospel in the earth." "Bear thy testimony with boldness and those who hear thee shall have faith planted in their hearts." Somewhat ashamed, I went down on my knees and asked the Lord to help me in my decision. I awoke next morning and straightway I felt all eager and excited; my mind seemed calm, and I knew the Lord had heard my prayer: and my decision—well, I was ready to leave any time for a Mission. My family was happy, and from everywhere came help and advice. My firm readily granted me a leave for as long as the Church needed me, and when I returned my job would be there.

Two weeks later I was set apart, and a week after that I left home for the Liverpool District, and was assigned to labour at Preston. Naturally, life became strange and somewhat difficult, but ever in my mind was the advice given to me by my parents, and always before me was the blessing given to me by the Lord's annointed. My companion was one of the best, and always we shared our troubles and joys, and through working in harmony together our Mission became easy.

True, there were days when we met with great trials and difficulties. There were times when it seemed as though the very devil himself was trying to thwart us, but to me those were great experiences and well worth enduring. Six months passed all too soon, and as the day for our release drew near I felt a little downhearted. Yes, I was eager to see my folks again, but I had had a glorious period of experience and education. I say education, because I firmly believe that no college or university can give the knowledge gained whilst in the Mission Field. Its almost a year now since I returned home, but I can truthfully say I have had no cause to regret the call I answered. My testimony is much stronger and is my most cherished possession. The goodness and mercies of God, which He extended to me then and which He still shows, are beyond words, and always my voice will be lifted in His praise.

And so to you who are contemplating a Mission, I say, seek the Lord and do His will before it is too late. Our homes, our jobs, even our lives, are nothing compared with the importance of pushing this work forward. The little stone cut out of the mountains is rapidly rolling forth to fill the whole earth. It must have helpers—are you willing to give of your time and talents for so grand a Cause?

Give to the needy shelter and bread,
Giving is living the angel said.
And must I be giving again and again,
My selfish, peevish question rang.
No, said the angel, piercing me through,
Give till the master stops giving to you.

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To Have The Testimony That Burns Within . . .

By Sister Violet Grundy Thomas
Handsworth Branch, Birmingham District.

A MISSIONARY, an ambassador of God, and do we ever realise the power behind that calling, the glorious opportunites that await?

To hear oneself preaching and proving Church Doctrine at the stranger's door; to receive the welcome and the hospitality of the Saints, and to appreciate them as never before; to have your knowledge and convictions corrected or strengthened and to realise the real worth of a Latter-day Saint's Testimony. At the end of the day to be "dog tired" but happy in the joy of Service. To have the Testimony that burns within and to feel the surgings of the Spirit, and realise that you are the mouthpiece of God. These are a few of the joys of a Missionary Day. Sacrifice? It doesn't exist.

I bear you my tumble testimony that seventeen months of Missionary life has given me more understanding and humbleness than I have ever had before. I realise the real Power behind this Gospel, and I have reached the same conclusion as my husband, that Service for the Lord is no Sacrifice, but a Privilege.

Letter From A Returned Missionary

By Elder Ralph Burton

Dear President Anastasiou,

At this time, may I take the opportunity to express my thanks to you for all the help and advice you have given me these past 12 months. My Mission has indeed been the finest education in my life. I have gained much wisdom and knowledge which will enable me to face the future with a happy heart. Many are the lessons I have learned.

I do humbly thank my heavenly Father for granting me the honour of fulfilling a Mission in this part of His vineyard, and I pray at some future time He will find me worthy enough to once more devote my whole time to proselyting this wonderful Gospel. The next time, though, I hope it will be from Zion. That is one of the greatest desires of my life. But the Lord knows best, and we must leave such things in His hands.

I'm so thankful to my parents for allowing me this privilege. I hope to repay them in every way when I return home. I believe the biggest lesson my Mission has taught me is that I can't live happily without the Church. Yes, in a way the Church does not need me, but I need the Church. Even though I was born in the Church, just before I left home I was growing up fast, feeling almost a man, and I began to fall a little from the words and commandments my Sunday School teacher had taught me. Just when I most needed the Church to give me confidence to overcome evil, the Lord opened the way for me to fulfil a Mission. Now! Satan will have to try very hard to make me fall from the wonderful foundation I have built for myself. Now as I go back to normal life I am to keep on laying brick after brick to reach that goal, the most priceless prize—the Celestial Kingdom.

If at any time I can be of service to you in any way whatsoever in furthering this work along in the British Mission, just let me know.

Once more thank Sister Anastasiou for all she did for me while I laboured in the Mission Office. I will always have happy memories of Mothers' Day in the Mission Field and many other pleasant thoughts which space does not permit me to mention.

I pray our Heavenly Father to continue to bless you with knowledge and wisdom for the carrying out of your duties in your Holy Calling. May our Mission continue to grow and prosper that the Priesthood, who are left, may fully realise their position. Above all, may this war be brought to a speedy conclusion, that those we love may be brought home safely to us. I am very proud of all the Mormon boys who have been called up to serve their Country. I am sure they are also continuing to serve the Church in many ways.

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EDITORIAL

The Home Missionaries

THE British Mission is naturally proud to be represented in all its Branches by over 400 Home Missionaries. Most of these are young people, but in their midst there is a goodly number of fathers and mothers and elderly people. All these faithful members of the Church, in answer to the call of the Mission Presidency, have readily given and are giving today their spare time to maintain the Branches of our Church in this country. Every one of them has been set apart by the laying on of hands by those in authority, to go forth and proclaim the message of the Restored Gospel, to cry repentance, to labour among their own friends and relatives, to preach and to teach their associates in workshops, offices, etc. Most of these Latter-day Saints are realising the promises given to them at the time of their appointment. Every week, without exception, their reports bring to us very heartening news and results of their Missionary efforts.

This body of part time Missionaries is a source from which the Church draws full time Missionaries to go on six or twelve month Missions. This body of Church workers have received the official status and recognition of Lay Evangelists, attached to the ministry of the Church. It is hoped that shortly they will be recognised as lay ministers of the Gospel and receive the privileges and exemptions granted to similar groups in other denominations.

Of course, we as a Church are singular in this that none of our Missionaries are paid for their services. It is a matter of surprise to the officials of this country when they learn that our Church is supported by voluntary efforts. We are admired and praised by those who know how diligently and faithfully our Missionaries are performing their duties in the cause of truth and in obediece to the command of the Lord. Because of this personal sacrifice and devotion, we are confident that the Government of this country will look upon our Missionaries with greater respect and consideration, and grant them the status to which they are entitled, to enable them to continue their sacred work. Already our Elders on Missions in the Districts and Branches are recognised as Ministers of Religion—men in Holy Orders—and are entitled to the enactments of Parliament to enable them to fulfil their ministerial duties. Similarly, our full time Lady Missionaries have received the support and assistance of the Ministry of Labour and National Service, whereby they are enabled now to go on their Missions and remain there without having to undertake any other work.

Our 400 Home Missionaries, organised in all the Branches of the Mission, are a singular exception to the order, and pro-

cedure of any other Church. There is no similar body of people anywhere in this country who are engaged in the interests of their Church without receiving compensation or material benefit, and the Government are giving this question their special consideration. We hope that they, too, will be recognised as Lay Evangelists and have the privilege to remain in their present stations of life without having to be moved to any other place. While we are urgently in need of every Home Missionary to sustain and support the functions of our Church throughout the country, only 10 per cent are called out on full time Missions. Approximately 90 per cent of them are expected to devote only part of their time to the Church; the major part is spent in the interests of work of National Importance.

We feel confident that the Governmnt will take this point consideration and favourably consider our movement, realising that we do urge all our Home Missionaries to continue working in the interests of the country in these very strenuous times, contributing their share of effort, energy and talent. Furthermore, we have pointed out that our ordinary male ministry of the Church in this country has been depleted very seriously because of the war service; that our force of full time Missionaries from America have gone back and cannot return owing to present conditions, and that every Branch of the Church in this country depends to a very great extent upon the evangelical work of our part time Missionaries. We confidently expect that the Government will help us in our arduous task of maintaining the functions of our Church in this country with the aid of our Home Missionaries.

It is unthinkable that our Church, supported as it always has been, by the voluntary services of our members, men, women and youth of the Church, whether in this or any other country, should be left without our Missionaries. Therefore, with faith and confidence we believe that this Church shall remain and even grow in the midst of this great nation, to do much good and establish righteousness, peace, morality and goodness among many societies who will yet recognise the divine principles of this Church and embrace it for their own sakes, and will come in thousands, it has been prophesied so many times, to be associated, and to be known as the Saints of Latter-days.

Two and a quarter years have passed since the first British Missionaries have been called to labour. Records show what great amount of work they have accomplished, what sacrifices they have made of material kind on the one hand, on the other, records show that our British Missionaries have been equally blessed and inspired by the Lord to do the tasks and fulfil the obligations of our fellow Missionaries from Zion. Therefore, the day is not far distant when the Saints of this Country shall look forward to receive the call to send their children even into foreign lands as our fellow Saints in Zion have been doing for over 100 years.

—ANDRE K. ANASTASIOU.
GEORGE H. BAILEY.
JAMES R. CUNNINGHAM.

Carry On, British Mission

By Elder Lee L. Frodsham

TWO years ago I left England to return to my home in Utah. They have been long and bitter years of war and strife, courageously borne by the people of Great Britain.

Time has not dimmed the fine memories that I have of the pleasant time spent among you good people. Well do I remember hitch-hiking along grassy winding roads, sometimes not even trying to catch a ride but walking along enjoying the beautiful countryside, happy that life was so good. Then of the spiritual feasts at street meetings, Sunday night meetings, and cottage meetings. My mind runs back to these things and I'm happy that I saw and knew the old England.

During the past nine months I have been in the army of the United States. The 222nd Field Artillery, of which I am a Corporal, has as its insignia "The Mormon Boy," a replica of the Mormon Battalion Monument in Salt Lake City. Our Regiment is an offspring of the Mormon Battalion, and like them, whose heritage we bear, we stand ready when called to fight for the liberty of our country.

It is pleasing to the people in Zion to know that the Saints in the British Isles have taken over the Missionary work that was previously done by Missionaries from America. When we hear of the people who are continually coming into the Church in England, then we realize the great work you are doing.

In talking with the boys in the army camps, I find that they are very pro-British in their attitude in this war, and feel that it is important that you are given all the aid possible. When news came that the British were having setbacks, there was apprehension among the men, but when the news was good the soldiers were elated.

At fall Conference we had our British Mission reunion. I thought, as Missionary after Missionary came in, just how grand it would have been if that reunion could have been held in England. The main topic, as you can guess, was the friends we made while we were in England.

We here pray for your safety and well being. May God bless you in your struggle for freedom.

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WORKING WITH THE BRITISH MISSIONARIES

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accomplished. Upon receipt of her monthly financial report soon after she began her Mission, I noticed that she had spent £9:2:6, and immediately wrote to enquire about her money. She replied that she had £4 in hand. During the following week, attending one of the Home Missionary Conventions, at Wigan, a fine Brother, under the inspiration of the Lord, approached me before I left and gave me £5, saying, "Please give it to the poorest Missionary you have. This Sister received the gift.

(To be continued)

Missionaries' Work Never Ceases

By Harold H. Jenson

MISSIONARIES who think their work is through when they return home, may profit by the experience of this writer, who, after nineteen years heard from one of the parties he made a call on when in the Missionary Field in Birmingham, England. No one can tell where the seeds of gospel teachings may bear fruit, and as Shakespeare says, "thereby hangs a tale."

"Your humble scribe was the first Missionary to leave Salt Lake City direct for a foreign country after the last war. With a good old brother from Hoytsville, who wore a celluloid collar but no tie, they travelled together. One night they slept in a Pullman (American sleeper), and the next, to save expense, alternating travelling ideas, this Missionary slept on the old man's shoulder. Imagine Broadway, New York, with the two travelling arm in arm, one in latest fashion, and the other scared to death of traffic. But on the boat confidence made it possible for the younger Elder to answer the older man's request for the gift of a tie, and then Missionary work began.

When the two were separated in London, a real friendship was broken up, for from this old man of two Missions' experience, much was gained in actual Mission work, and one thing was to never pass by a house, no matter how great or small.

When in Birmingham, with Elder John Owen Hughes, now of Mendon, Utah, a call was made outside an immense mansion, where the sign "Beware of the dog" made the two hesitate. Not for long, however, for with fear and trembling they entered the gate, the dog (believe it or not) lead the way to the master's house. A woman answered the door, and after hearing the humble message, asked the Elders to call that evening, when her husband was home. We had the privilege of preaching the Gospel and make friends with a wealthy manufacturer, his wife and family. The friendship has endured, and after twenty years I still receive letters of a most friendly and affectionate nature."

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Well do I remember you, President Anastasiou, when in 1920 I preached in Hyde Park with you and President Pugh. You remember the papers told about three types: dark, medium and blonde, who were sent out to preach as representatives of the Mormon Church, etc.

Years have passed, but memory recalls my wonderful time in good "OLDE ENGLANDE"—my mother's native land. Looking through my files I came across the foregoing unpublished article, which gives an insight into the Missionary work. It may serve as an inspiration to your Home Missionaries, as it was a testimony to me. Though time has passed, I still think of our pleasant associations of long ago.

The Spirit That Converts

By Ira J. Markham

"No thank you, I am satisfied with what I have."

THIS statement and other similar combinations of words intended to convey the same meaning, are given by many people as excuses for not listening to the message of the Missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

It is a special type of indifference that is hard to overcome. Many people do not like to think. It is confusing to be placed in a position of having to make decisions. They would prefer to remain in a mental and spiritual condition which requires the least amount of effort to get along.

When people say they are "satisfied," what are they satisfied with? Should people be "satisfied" to the extent that they refuse to learn more concerning the principles of the Gospel? The statement that an individual is "satisfied" is generally an excuse and not a reason. Anyone who really believes the Bible and who is spiritual is never satisfied to the extent that they are unwilling to enter into a Gospel conversation. People who are really converted to religion are almost always willing to discuss it with someone else.

But when a "satisfied" person is encountered, what is a Missionary to do? The story is told of Karl G. Maeser that he had his students in a particular class in college go out and get a large rock and put it in the stove. The rock was watched carefully for results. At the end of a stipulated period the students were requested to report their findings. The rock had not burned up, but it was red hot. It was found that the rock had become heated with "borrowed heat."

Although the rock had no generative power of its own and could not produce heat of its own accord, yet when placed in contact with the fire it had assimilated heat. It in turn radiated heat.

Many people who are now indifferent to religion need to borrow spirituality. Providing a Missionary is thoroughly converted and becomes filled with the Spirit of God, he radiates spiritual power. Contact with a Missionary who has a real testimony of the Gospel must leave an impression even on the most indifferent. The one contact with a Missionary might not be sufficient to convert, but it should leave a definite impression. The type of impression that is left will depend on the spiritual power and the humility of the individual Missionary. To generate spirituality in the heart of an indifferent person requires a high degree of spirituality on the part of the missionary.

Mere words are very inadequate to express our feelings. If a machine could be invented by the use of which a Missionary

could push a button to tell what a prospect is thinking and feeling at a given time, how easy it would be to formulate statements that would be likely to create interest in the Gospel.

If the machine could be used by the person listening to the Missionary and it could be ascertained at a glance the real message that the Missionary is bringing, the indifferent persons might soon be changed to active investigators.

It is possible for us to obtain the same results, however, in a different way. The Lord knows what people think and feel. Spirit speaks to spirit if we are humble and prayerful. That is why some Missionaries, though lacking in formal education, becomes such effective Missionaries, as they must be humble and rely on the Spirit of God to lead and direct them. A clever tongue might entertain and maintain interest, but it is the Spirit of God that converts. There is no good substitute for spirituality in Missionary activity.

If we earnestly pray and allow ourselves to be guided and inspired by the Spirit of God, we should be able to say the right things to touch a responsive chord in the people we meet. The type of prayer that is effective is not a compulsory mechanical habit, but a dynamic experience through which we gain spiritual strength and inspiration.

The words we use are symbols. Mere words alone cannot adequately describe how we feel. Indifference never converted anyone. If we are humble and prayerful when we engage in a gospel conversation or deliver a sermon, spirit speaks to spirit in a language all its own. People actually feel the message that has been delivered.

A Missionary never knows what good might be accomplished if he is humble and prayerful in his work. The person who is indifferent today may develop an active interest later. Changing events in the lives of people may change attitudes. A serious illness, a death in the family, a radio sermon, may change an attitude from negative to positive.

It is the job of the Missionary to be on hand at the time the individual is looking for truth. People who reject the Missionaries at one time might welcome them on the next visit. You can never say that a certain district has been tracted once and therefore it need not be tracted again. You can never tell what changes have come in the lives of people since the last Missionaries were there.

If you go out each morning with a prayer in your heart to search out the honest in heart, and if individuals in your district are praying for truth, you should be able to find them.

There is no greater testimony that can come to a Missionary than to feel that he is being led by the Spirit of God. After experiences of this kind a Missionary can stand on his feet and say with absolute conviction that he knows the Gospel is true and that there is a God who hears and answers prayers.

Home Missionaries Of The British Mission

1941 - 1942.

EVERY Home Missionary will be interested to see what has been accomplished through the united effort since this phase of the work of the British Mission was established ten months ago.

Thousands of visits have been made by the Home Missionaries; large quantities of Church literature distributed; tracting, gospel conversations, preaching and teaching in the Branches and homes, among business friends and associates, and contributing a lion's share of time, effort and sacrifice to the Branches and individual families and members of the Church, gives you some idea of what our Home Missionaries are doing in the British Mission.

With very few exceptions, all our Missionaries originally set apart are still doing their duty and sharing the blessings of the Lord which are being poured out upon all those who are faithful and diligent in the discharge of their sacred duties and tasks.

STATISTICS FOR THE SEVEN MONTHS OF 1941.

Total hours spent on Missionary work:

Birmingham	2,190	Newcastle	1,633
Bristol	141	Nottingham	1,374
Hull	182	Norwich	607
Leeds	2,921	Sheffield	4,360
Liverpool	922	Scottish	405
London	9,883	Welsh	366
Manchester	1,617	Irish	—

GRAND TOTAL—17,701.

STATISTICS FOR 1942—JANUARY TO MARCH.

Total hours spent on Missionary work:

Birmingham	537	Newcastle	635
Bristol	30	Nottingham	335
Hull	4	Norwich	417
Leeds	1,146	Sheffield	1,600
Liverpool	154	Scottish	169
London	1,716	Welsh	91
Manchester	760	Irish	22

GRAND TOTAL—7,620.

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IT IS NOTHING FOR A MAN TO HOLD HIS HEAD IN A CALM: BUT TO MAINTAIN HIS POST WHEN ALL OTHERS HAVE QUITTED THEIR GROUND, AND THERE TO STAND UPRIGHT, WHEN OTHER MEN ARE BEATEN DOWN—THIS IS DIVINE AND PRAISEWORTHY

—Seneca.

L.D.S. Pen Friendship League

A VERY hearty "Thank you" is due to the "Improvement Era" for publishing a notice about our Pen Friendship League. We have already received several letters from our L.D.S. girls in Zion who are anxious to share in this fine effort on behalf of the youth of the Church. Some of these letters are too long to be printed here. We may find room for them on another page. These letters are great! Here are two very short ones:

"Will you please add my name to your L.D.S. Pen Friendship League. I would like to correspond with some of the Brothers and Sisters of our Church and with fellow Allies of England. I enjoy reading the 'Millennial Star' very much. Keep up with the good work."—Miss Maurine Griffin, 118 West First North, Rexburg, Idaho, U.S.A

"As I was reading the 'Improvement Era' I saw your article. It would give me great pleasure to correspond with our boys in the services. I am a Latter-day Saint girl, or should I say lady, for I am 31 years old, but I dearly love to write and receive letters. You may give my address to all those who would like to write to me. . . ." Here is the address: Miss Lola Jordan, 905 Gervair Street, Columbia, S.C., U.S.A.

Here is a short letter from one of our L.D.S. boys in the R.A.F.:

"I am serving in the R.A.F., and would very much like to correspond with someone in our Church. So would it be possible for me to become a member of the L.D.S. Pen Friendship League, as I think it a grand idea; it helps one to be introduced among the members of the Church."—1091737 A.C.1 C. Wood, c o British Mission Headquarters, 149 Nightingale Lane, London, S.W.12.

Welcome to our League, which is anxious to help you and many more boys like you.

A letter has been received from one of our Welsh members, Brother F. Pulman, thanking us for re-addressing his "Star" —the "Millennial Star." A fine young man serving his King and Country. He needs your friendship. Pte. F. Pulman, 4140, c/o British Mission Headquarters, 149 Nightingale Lane, London, S.W.12.

A great number of our members have written in asking to be introduced to fellow members—boys or girls. Pen Friends, please note our introduction is limited to printing your name and message on this page. Since we are one big L.D.S. family, further introduction is unnecessary. Just write to each other and we know that you will be happy in writing (first) and receiving letters (second) from many of our Pen Friends, each one of whom is anxious to exchange one's thoughts, ideas and feelings, and have Pen Friends in the Church.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS—YOUNG PEOPLE—
WRITE TO EACH OTHER. —A. K. A.

For The Attention Of All Pen Friends

Dear Fellow Mormon, Preston, Idaho.

Will you please tell me the proper way to begin a correspondence like this? Ever since we saw Brother Anastasiou's account of the L.D.S. letter exchange in the "Improvement Era," I have been trying to get a letter off to the right start, but I don't know the right way yet.

Anyway—here's somewhat of an introduction.

I live in Preston, Idaho, just about 125 miles north of Salt Lake City. Preston is so little that I doubt if you can find it on any map, but I'm here just the same. I went to school in Salt Lake City, and maybe you'd like some pictures and souvenirs from the Church buildings down there.

Daddy owns a small farm, and so we manage to keep busy. I work in town, but I find time to help at home, too.

This community is almost all L.D.S., so most of our spare time is spent in Church and defence work.

When the war first came, I was much afraid, but now I'm sure we're going to win, and I'm not frightened any more. Many of my friends and some of my family are in the army—it's very lonely. I'm sure it will be alright.

Apostle Merrill was at our Church Sunday and the message he brought was very encouraging.

Please tell me all about yourself and express our best wishes to those who are fighting with us, especially the L.D.S. boys. Our prayers are for your success and safety, constantly.

LOUVA GRIFFETH,
Preston, Idaho, U.S.A.

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WE regret to announce that P.O. Hugh C. Brown, member of Eagle Squadron in the R.A.F., was reported missing on March 16th, 1942. No further news has been received so far.

Our faith and prayers and our deep feeling of sympathy are for him and his parents, our recent Presidents of the British Mission, Elder Hugh B. Brown and Sister Zina Card Brown (Relief Society).

—A. K. A.

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77, Grand Parade
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L. D. S. Hall,
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